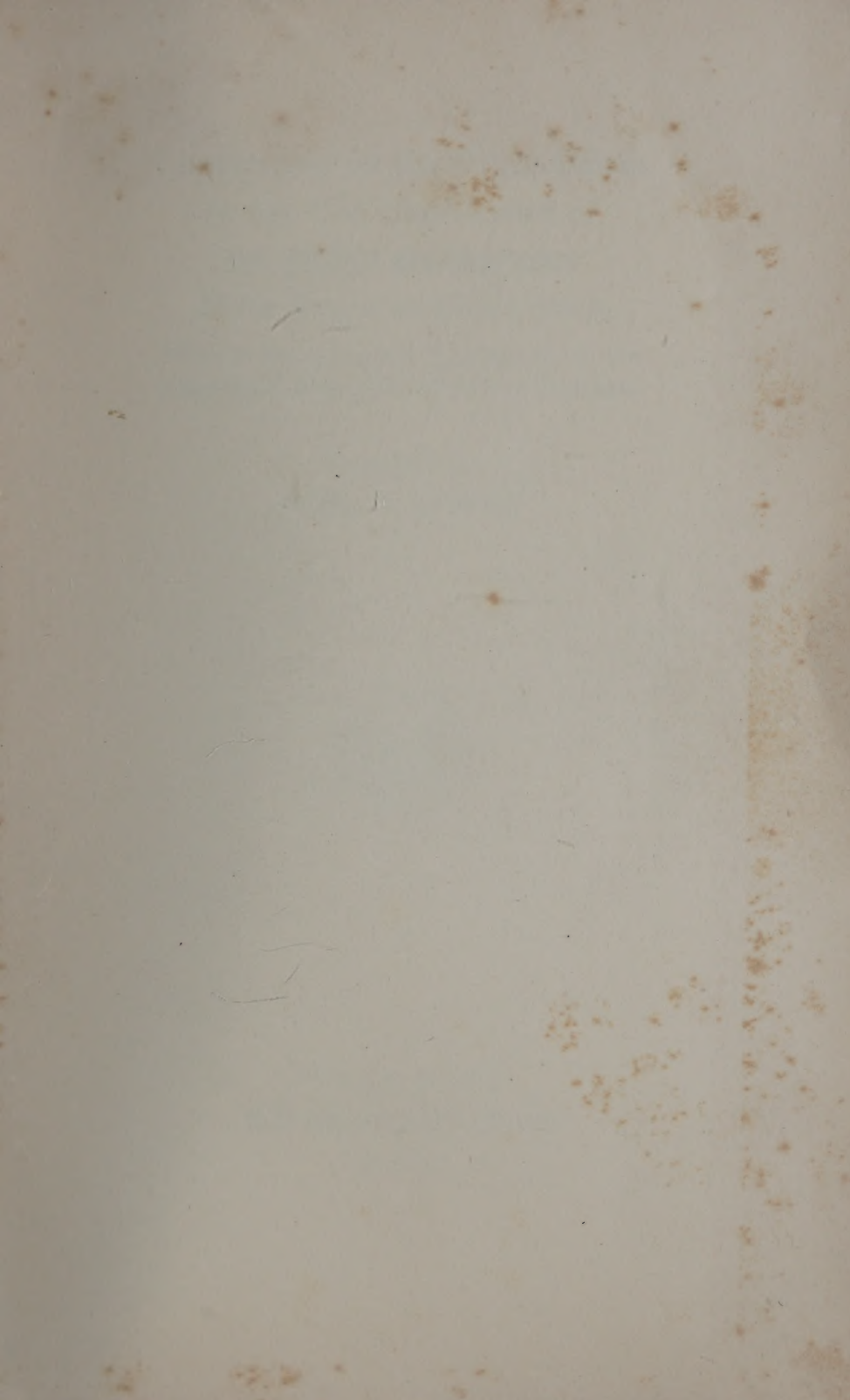


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Old Churchyard of Saint Paul's Narra-
gansett North Kingstown Rhode Island



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With a Record of the Inscriptions in the
Graveyard of the Old Church at Wickford

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Compiler's Note

When I first visited this Churchyard, February 20, 1880, it was in good condition; the MacSparran Monument having been erected in 1868, and the walls and ground put in order in 1869. When I last visited the yard, November 17, 1908, it showed neglect, the wall being down in several places and the ground needing care. Accounts of many of the persons whose names are inscribed on the stones of the Churchyard may be found in the "History of the Narragansett Church" (Second Edition, 1907), to which the reader's attention is directed.

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Preface

THE printing of this collection of the inscriptions upon the gravestones in the ancient burial-ground of Saint Paul's Church, Narragansett, is the result of a visit paid to it by the Rev. Daniel Goodwin, D.D., of East Greenwich, Mr. William Watts Sherman, of Newport, and myself, in the summer of 1908. It being evident that the inscriptions were becoming obliterated by wind and weather, it was proposed to secure a record of them before further decay rendered them illegible.

It was suggested that Mr. James N. Arnold be entrusted with the deciphering of these inscriptions; but when the writer entered into correspondence with him on the subject, he learned that Mr. Arnold had already copied almost all the inscriptions in the burial-grounds of North and South Kingstown. The transcript of the inscriptions of the stones in the old churchyard of Saint Paul's, he very generously placed at our disposal, and all of its entries have been carefully compared with the original inscriptions by Mr. Arthur B. Cook. A diagram showing the approximate position of the graves in the churchyard has also been supplied. As will be seen, the interments in the old churchyard have extended from 1705 to 1884. The inscriptions in the *present* graveyard of the "Old Church" (removed to Wickford in 1800) are included in the Appendix, so that a complete record of the stones now existing in both churchyards is here

presented. As many of the Narragansett families, however, had private burial-grounds on their own estates, the stones of which record is here made are, therefore, memorials of but a small proportion of the families belonging to Saint Paul's parish.

Printed through the generosity of Mr. William Watts Sherman, a descendant of several well-known Narragansett families, this little book has had the advantage of the coöperation of Dr. Goodwin, who has kindly read the proofs, and supplied references to such parts of his edition of Updike's *History of the Narragansett Church* (1907) as throw light upon the lives of the individuals buried in these ancient cemeteries.

I have placed upon the plan of the old churchyard a cross indicating the tumulus marking the exact spot under which Dr. MacSparran is buried. At the time of the erection of the MacSparran monument, the precise locality was not accurately known, so the memorial was placed where it would have the best appearance. It may be remembered that the burial of Dr. MacSparran was described in the Parish Record as being under the Communion Table, which at that period stood at the east end of the Church. The position of the Church is quite accurately known, the great door then being to the north, and not to the south as now. On entering this north door, the Altar would have been at the left; and supposing the Church to have stood very near

the western boundary of the graveyard (as has been affirmed by aged people living within the last half century), approximate measurements would place the Altar at the precise spot where a mound now exists. This mound was pointed out as the spot of the Doctor's interment by my great-grandmother, Mrs. Lodowick Updike, to a grandson,—Mrs. Updike having been present, as a girl of seventeen years, at the burial of the Rector of Saint Paul's, who was her uncle by marriage. This tradition was handed on to Dr. Goodwin by the grandson in question, the late Updike Hagan, Esq.; and on our visit to the old Narragansett churchyard Dr. Goodwin showed me the tumulus and told me his reasons for believing it to be traditionally and actually the precise spot of the Rector's grave. The mound is to be marked by a stone; and this further record of the matter is, as good Dr. MacSparran said in his Parish Register, "recorded for ye Information and Benefit of Posterity."

D. B. U.

Boston, June 24th, 1909.

Inscriptions in the Old Graveyard of Saint Paul's Church Narragansett

The Numbers above the inscription on these pages refer to the position of the graves in the Plan of the Graveyard. The references are to Updike's History of the Narragansett Church, Second Edition, edited by Rev. Daniel Goodwin, D.D., 1907.

1

[Marble]

In
Memory of
Amos Gardiner
who died
Sept. 29. 1827.
in the 72 year
of his age.*

2

[Marble]

In memory of
Abigail.
wife of
Amos Gardiner
who died June 29. 1840
In the 78th year
of her age.†

*S. of 1st Amos: *Hist. Narr. Church*, I. 445.

†Wife of above.

3

[*Marble*]

In Memory of

Thomas B.

son of

Amos & Abigail

Gardiner

Died Mar. 4, 1860,

Aged 81 yr's 3 mo. & 13 dy's.*

Silent but peaceful be thy sleep,

My loving husband dear.

While o'er thy grave I come to weep,

And drop a widow's tear.

4—5—6—7—8—9

[*Field Stones*]

10

[*Marble*]

William E. Greene.

Born

Nov. 17, 1817.

Died Dec. 4, 1882.

Eliza Sherman.

his Wife

Born July 7, 1821.

Died May 16, 1884.

*Possibly same as Thomas R.: *History*, II. 378.

11

[*Field Stone*]

12

[*Slate*]

In

Memory
of

Col. John Gardiner,
who died
Oct. 18. 1808,
in the 62^d year of
his age.*

Foot-stone

Col. | John | Gardiner, | 1808.

13

[*Slate*]

In

Memory of
Mrs. Sarah

Relict of Col. John Gardiner,
who died

June 16, 1816.
in the 62, year of
her age.†

* *History*, I. 135, 280, 447, 456; II. 105: s. of *John of Boston Neck*.

† *History*, I. 135, 447; II. 104, 105, 596.

14

[*Slate: masonic emblems, skull and bones*]

In Memory of
Robert C. Gardiner Esq
Late American Consul at Sweden
Lost at Sea Sept. 7. 1804
Aged 31:*

[*Square and compass*]
Capt. John Gardiner
died at Sea Feb. 25. 1806.
Aged 33.†

Sons of Col. John Gardiner

Foot-stone
Robert C.
Gardiner Esq.
1804.
Capt. Jn^o. Gardiner
1806.

15—16—17—18—19

[*Field Stones*]

* *History*, II. 105.

† *History*, II. 105, 599.

20

[*Slate: ornamental scroll at sides, head with wings*]

Benjamin Son
of Benjamin &
Elizabeth
Gardiner died
April 3^d 1780,
aged 8 M^o 20
Days.*

21

[*Slate: ornamented like No. 20*]

In Memory of
Thomas Son
of Benj. and
Elizabeth
Gardiner
died August
11th 1775 aged
7 Weeks.†

* *History*, II. 272, 347.

† *Brother of next above.*

6 Inscriptions in Old Graveyard

22

*[Slate: crowned head with wings; scrollwork
around inscription at sides and bottom]*

Here lieth interr'd
the Body of William Gardner
who died Decem^{br}
y^e 14th 1732 aged
about 61 years*

Foot-stone

[Hour-glass, with flower on each side]

William Gardner 1732

23

[Slate: similar ornamentation to above]

In Memory of
Abigail ye Wife of
Job Almy of Newport
Merchant died Feb^y
y^e 6th 1763 in y^e 85th
Year of her Age.†

Foot-stone

Abigail Almy 1763

* *History*, I. 134, 135, 442.

† *History*, I. 135, 441, 442; II. 504, 524.

24

[*Slate: ornamented like above, but no scroll at bottom*]

In Memory
of Mary y^e
Daughter of
John Gardner
& Mary his wife
died Oct y^e 16
1762 aged 18
Years & 3 M^o.*

Foot-stone

Mary Gardner 1762

25

[*Slate: death's-head with wings; scrollwork at sides*]

Here lies y^e body
of Abigail Daftcr
of Josiah & Lydia
Arnold who died
Defem^r y^e 18th 1725
Aged one year
& 1 day†

* *History*, I. 135, 449; II. 533, 568.

† *History*, II. 477, 482.

26

[*Slate: same ornamentation as above*]

Here lies the body of
 Lydia wife of Josiah
 Arnold who died Janua^y
 22^d 1727/8 aged 20 yea^{rs}
 11 mos and 20 days*

Her loss is ours also
 Death is her gain
 Her soul may rest
 Her body's free from pain.

Foot-stone

Lydia Arnold 1727

27

[*Small slate: same ornamentation as above*]

Here lies ye body
 of Sylvester
 Son of Josiah and
 Lydia Arnold
 he died Feb 10th
 1730 aged
 3 years 19 day^s†

* *History*, I. 135, 452, 453; II. 491, 492.

† *History*, II. 493.

28

[*Slate: ornamentation of grapevine at sides, scroll
only at bottom*]

Here lieth Int^rred
y^e Body of M^r
Samuel Phillips.
died March y^e 30th
1736. In y^e 81st
year of his age*

Foot-stone

Samuel Phillips. 1736.

29

[*Grave, with common wall stone, north*]

Probably Mr. Phillips's wife†

30

[*Field Stone very near head-stone No. 31*]

Probably foot-stone of infant's grave

* *History*, I. 128, 423-5.

† *History*, I. 128, 430; II. 604.

31

[*Slate: head with wings, scroll at sides of inscription*]

Here lieth Interred y^e
 Body of Mary y^e wife of
 M^r Thomas Phillips &
 Daughter of M^r Samuel
 Brown. died April y^e 17th
 1737 In y^e 32th year
 of her age.*

The Flowers that to Day
 Appeareth fresh and Gay,
 At night may be
 Withered and dead like me

32

[*Slate: similar ornamentation*]

Here lies y^e body
 of Thomas son
 of Thomas &
 Mary Phillips
 died July y^e 27
 1728 aged 4 Mo,
 & 13 days†

* *History*, I. 426; II. 494.

† *History*, II. 493.

33

[*Slate: head, with scroll at top; floral scroll-work at sides*]

Here lieth y^e
Body of William
Son of Christoph^{er}
& Sarah Phillips,
died Sep^r y^e 10th
1727 aged 8 M^o
& 4 days.*

Blessed are those
that Dye in the
Lord

34

[*Large slate tablet: two heads with wings, scroll-work, scallop shell and heart; below, a large fleur-de-lis in each corner*]

Here lyeth Interred
Christopher Philips Esq^r who departed this life
August y^e 10th 1753 in y^e 60th Year of his Age

And also Sarah his Wife, who departed this life
July y^e 10th 1753 in y^e 53^d Year of her Age.†

Whereas one Bed did Both contain in life,
This constant Husband, and his faithful Wife,
So doth this Tomb their mortal parts confine,
In sure expectance of the apointed Sign,

* *History*, II. 490, 491.

† *History*, I. 128, 427-9; II. 549.

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When the Arch-Angel, with shrill Trumpet's Sound,
Shall call to life, the renovated ground;
Then shall their Souls a Resurrection see,
And re-united to their Bodies be.

35

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to No. 31*]

Here Lieth y^e Body
of Mary ye wife of
John Gardner, who
died June y^e 11th 1739.
In y^e 38th year of
her age.*

Foot-stone

Mary Gardiner. | 1739.

36

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to No. 31*]

In Memory of
M^r John Gardner,
who died July 6th
A.D. 1770, in the
74th Year of
his Age.†

Foot-stone

John Gardner, | 1770.

* *History*, I. 135, 443; II. 522.

† *History*, I. 135, 444, 445, 544; II. 75, 76, 583.

37

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to No. 31*]

In Memory of Mary,
Second wife of
John Gardiner, Decea^d
who Departed this
life, April 21st A.D.
17—, in the 60th
Year of her Age.*

Foot-stone

Mary | Gardiner, | 1774.

38

[*Slate: head with wings; hour-glass; scrolls at
top and sides. At bottom, intersecting lines*]

In Memory of
Miss Sarah Gardiner,
Daughter of
M^r John Gardiner
and Mary his Wife,
she departed this Life,
June the 16th AD 1771,
in the 20th Year of her Age.
Memento Mori.†

Foot-stone

Miss | Sarah | Gardiner | 1771

* *History*, I. 135, 445; II. 601, 602.

† *History*, I. 135, 449; II. 589.

39

[*Field Stone only*]

40

[*Slate: head with wings; scrolls at sides*]

William y^e Son
of Christopher
& Mary Phillips
died March 28th
1757 Aged
1 Year & 5 M^o.*

Foot-stone

W: P: | 1757

41

[*Slate: same ornamentation as No. 31*]

In Memory
of Cap^t Christopher
Phillips, who died
May y^e 11th 1757
in y^e 30th Year
of his Age.†

Foot-stone

Cap^t | Christopher | Phillips | 1757

* *History*, I. 128.

† *History*, I. 128, 429.

42

[*Slate: head with wings*]

In Memory of
Mary,
Confort of
Henry Wall, Esq:
& Daughter of
Thomas Phillips, Esq:
and Mary his Wife,
She died Decemb^r 9th
1783, aged 56 years.*

Foot-stone

Mrs. | Mary Wall, | 1783.

43

[*Slate: light scrolls at top and sides*]

In Memory of
Capt. Thomas
Wall,
Who departed this
Life at Wickford, on
the 22d of August,
1802:
In the 42d. Year
of his
Age.†

* *History*, I. 128, 427.

† *S. of Henry & Mary: History*, I. 427.

Foot-stone

Capt. | Thomas Wall, | 1802.

44

[*Marble: head with wings; palm and flowers*]

In memory of M^{rs}
Sarah, wife to M^r Amos
Gardiner, who depart-
ed this life April 13th
1777, in the 50th Year
of her age.*

My lover friend familiar all,
Remov'd from fight & out of call,
To dark Oblivion is retir'd,
Dead, or at least to me expir'd.

Foot-stone

M^{rs} | Sarah | Gardiner.

45

[*Slate: rose on stem; light scroll*]

In Memory of
Amos Gardiner,
of South Kingstown,
in the County of
Washington,
who departed this Life
April
3d.
1793,
in the 67th. Year
of his Age.†

* *History*, I. 444; II. 545.

† *Perhaps s. of William: History*, II. 503.

Foot-stone

Amos | Gardiner, | 1793

46

[*Slate: scroll around inscription; head with wings*]

In Memory of
Ann, y^e Daughter of
Elifha Cole. Esq^r &
Elizabeth his Wife,
Died Aug^t y^e 6th 1742
In y^e 25th year
of her Age.*

Foot-stone

Ann Cole. | 1742.

47—48—49—50—51

[*Small Field Stones*]

52-53

[*Large Field Stones*]

* *History*, I. 107, 110; II. 529.

54

[*Brown stone: same ornamentation as No. 46*]

In Memory of
John Cass, Esq^r
of Tower-hill, he
departed this Life
July 29th A.D. 1770
in the 70th Year
of his Age.*

Foot-stone

John Cass | Esq^r | 1770

55

[*Brown stone: same ornamentation as No. 46*]

In Memory
of Mary, Wife of
Benjamin Sherman
who died May 12th
1763, Aged 37
Years.†

Foot-stone

Mary | Sherman | 1763

* *History*, II. 76-8, 310, 311.

† *Perhaps 1st w. of Benjamin & m. of James: History*, II. 556, 589.

56

[*Granite*]

LD

DI——

A. 81

1735*

57—58—59—60

[*Field Stones*]

61

[*Granite: ornamented with raised cross*]

Samuel Brenton,

son of Jahleel,

son of William,

son of

Gov. Wm. Brenton.

OB. Feb. 1797, AET 61.†

Susan Cooke,

his wife

OB. Sept. 1793,

AET 57.

* *An earlier copy of this inscription reads as follows: LD | B 1624 | A 81 | 1735.*

† *History*, I. 557; II. 358.

62—63—64

[*Field Stones*]

65

[*Slate*]

Sacred
to the memory of
Capt.

Henry Sherman
who died, April 8th 1830,
in the 68th year
of his age.*

66—85

[*Field Stones*]

[*Memorial Cross: granite*]

North side

Erected
in grateful memory
Of
James M^cSparran, D.D.
By authority
of the Diocese of Rhode Island
in 1868.

* *Perhaps hus. of Mary Gardiner, dau. of Amos: History, I. 445.*

West side

Missionary of The
Venerable Society
For Propagating the Gospel
in Foreign Parts,
And Rector of the Church
then here;
From 1721 to his death in 1757.

East side

He was buried beneath
this stone.
Here also lie the remains of
The Reverend
Samuel Fayerweather,
His successor,
From 1760 to 1781.

South side

St Paul's Church,
Narragansett,
Was built here in 1707,
and Removed to Wickford
in 1800.

South of the westerly end of the McSparran lot, just beyond the wall, and quite near the McSparran Monument itself, are three stones having inscriptions upon them, and twenty-two without inscriptions—field stones; also several other probable graves. The three inscribed are as follows:

1. (Slate.) Mr. Bowen Card | Died Nov. 30, 1793. | Aged 35 Years.
2. (Slate.) Mrs. Margaret | Card, | wife of | Mr. Bowen Card. | Died May 24, 1829. | Aged 72 Years.
3. (Rough stone.) Martha Card | wife of Job | Card who depar | ted this life Octo | ber 11th A D 1778 in the | 51 year of her Age.

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5 4 3 2 1 6 7
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8
|

MacSpar-
ran Mon-
ument

⊠ Tumulus

14 13 12 11
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27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15
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31 b 32 c 33 34
| | | | |
d 40 41 42 43 44 45 e f 64 63 62
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52 g h i j
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The Maltese Cross shows the tumulus believed to mark the actual spot of Dr. MacSparran's grave. The tumuli at the eastern end of the Churchyard are, according to tradition, the graves of slaves of the early families. The stones marked by letters a-z are uninscribed field stones which have been discovered in a later survey made by Mr. A. B. Cook.

Inscriptions in the Graveyard of The Old Church Wickford

Transcribed in 1908

My Mother. | Polly Nichols, | Wife of | Richard Thomas, |
Died Feb. 29, 1868. | Aged 93 years, 7 mo. | & 5 days.

Foot-stone: P. N. T.

Erected | To the Memory of | My Father | Richard Thomas, |
Who died Aug. 12, | 1859, | Aged 82 years, 6 mo. |
& 21 days.*

Foot-stone: R. T.

Elisha Peck Smith, | Died | Sept. 12, 1832, | Aged 55 years. |
Also | Hannah Phillips Smith | Wife of Elisha P. | Died
Oct. 1. 1841, | Aged 61 years.†

Foot-stones: E. P. S. | H. P. S.

In memory of | Nathaniel | P. Smith. | Son of Allen. M. |
& Charlotte P. | Thomas. who | died July 1, 1844 | aged
19 mo. & | 22 days.

Headstones: Charlotte. | A. M. T.

On Marble Monument

[*North side*] Elisha P. Smith. | Died Sept 12, 1832. | Aged
55 years.

Hannah P. Smith. | Wife of | Elisha P. Smith. | Died Oct 1.
1841. | Aged 61 years.

[*West side*] Richard Thomas. | Died Aug 12, 1859. | Aged
82 years.

Polly Nichols Thomas. | Wife of | Richard Thomas. | Died
Feb 29. 1868. | Aged 93 years.

* *Hist. Narr. Church*, I. 426.

† *The remains were removed from Pawtuxet, August, 1868.*

[*South side*] Nathaniel. | Son of | A. M. & C. P. S. Thomas. | Died July 1, 1844. | Aged 1 year & 7 mos.

Clarence Eugene Thomas | Died April 1, 1882, | Aged 41 years | Removed to Elm Grove | Cemetery July 1899

[*East side*] Allen Mason Thomas, | Born | July 25, 1806, | Died April 13, 1887.*

Charlotte P. Smith. | Wife of | Allen M. Thomas. | & Daughter of | E. P. & H. P. Smith. | Died April 6, 1872, | Aged 61 years. |

THOMAS

The above are all in the Thomas lot

Sacred | To the Memory | of | Susan Elizabeth | Daughter of | J. S. & J. M. McLaughling. | She died Nov. 24, 1854, | Aged 37 years

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Foot-stone: S. E. McL.

Sacred | To the Memory of | Capt. | John S. McLaughling. | Born 1791. | Died 1866.

"Blessed are the pure in heart | for they shall see God."

Foot-stone: J. S. McL.

Sacred | To the memory of | Joanna M. | wife of | Capt. John S. McLaughling. | Born 1796. | Died 1853.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord | is the death of his saints"

Foot-stone: J. M. McL.

In memory of | Elizabeth E. | Daughter of | Susan W. Reynolds, | Dec. 3, 1827. | Feb. 20, 1903.

In Memory of | Susan W. | Daughter of | Mrs. | Susan W. Reynolds. | Born June 25th 1810, | Died Mar. 10th 1856.

Foot-stone: S. W. R.

* *History*, I. 426.

In memory of | Mrs. Susan W. Reynolds | daughter of |
Samuel & Mary Nicholds | who departed this life | March
27, 1849. in the | 60, Year of her age,
Foot-stone: S. W. R.

In memory of | Mrs. Mary Nichols. | widow of | Samuel
Nichols. | & daughter of | Henry & Mary Wall | who de-
parted this life | Jan. 13, 1848 in the | 85, Year of her age.
Foot-stone: M. N.

In memory of | Mrs. Mary P. Shaw. | wife of | George M.
Shaw. | & daughter of | Samuel & Mary Nichols. | who de-
parted this life | May 27. 1844. in the | 45. Year of her age.
Foot-stone: M. P. S.

[Granite Cross]

Frances Irene Burge Griswold, | Apr 18, 1826–Nov. 11,
1900.*

Alive unto God, | through Jesus | Christ our Lord. | Rom. 6. 11.

In memory of | Anna S Thomas, | Wife of | George B.
Thomas, | & Daughter of | Lemuel & Elizabeth | Burge, |
She Died Aug 27th | 1845, | In her 24th year.

Sacred to the memory | of | Mary A. | Wife of | George
B. Thomas | & daughter of | Henry G. & Mary | Sher-
man. | who died | April 6 1841 | aged 34 Years.†

Sacred | to the memory | of | Henry G. Sherman. | who
died at sea | July 31. 1810. | aged 25 Years. | also | Mary. |
his wife | died March 24, 1838. | aged 52 Years.
Foot-stones: H. G. S. | M. S.

Esther. | widow of | Jeremiah Carpenter | Born June 9
1779. Died Jan. 17, 1848.

*History, II. 379. .

†This inscription is on a broken stone lying back of the Old Church. There is now at the grave only a small head-stone, bearing the letters, M. A. T.

North of this point there are two graves not inscribed; further north a group of three large and four small graves also uninscribed. Two of these graves are probably those of Phebe and Mary B. Carter. The inscriptions formerly at their graves were as follows:

Mary B Carter | Died | August 18th | 1855 | In her 17th year.

Phebe | Wife of Benj. P. Carter, | Died | Nov. 15, 1846 | Æ. 53 Yrs. 4 Mos. & 5 Ds

The following have been removed from the yard since May 1, 1881

John N son of Benoni and Abigail Bates died Feb 16 1822 aged 4 years

Charles N son of above died Nov 28 1829

Two unmarked graves of children of same

Martha Bates widow of Sherman Bates died Aug 7 1810 aged 64 years

Benoni P Bates died Feb 12 1867 in his 70 year

Abby Mahala wife of Benoni P died Nov 16 1851 age 50 yrs 6 mos

Charles R son of Benoni P & Abby M d June 15 1848 aged 17 y 5 m 21 d

Lois Mowry wife of Colonel Mowry daughter of Sherman Bates died Sept 3 1830 in 31 year

Two large graves and one small grave, not marked

In Memory of | M^{rs} Jane Munday,* | wife of | Nathaniel Munday Esq^r. | and Daughter of | John Bayly Esq^r. | county of Tipperary, | in the Kingdom of Ireland, | she died at Wickford, | August 3. 1808, | in the 36 year | of her age.

*1st wife.

Blest shade! if bending from thy starry sphere,
The ways of mortals may deserve thy care,
This mournful tribute of our love receive,
A tear, a verse, is all thy friends can give.

Capt Nathaniel Munday died Jan 2 1827 aged 72 years*

Elijah Johnson died 1874

The following are in the Richard Updike Lot

In | Memory of | James Updike. | who departed this life |
Feb. 20, 1822. | in the 51, Year | of his age.†

Foot-stone: J. U. .

In Memory of | Cap^t Richard Updike, | who died | Feb, 26,
1805, | in the 75, year | of his age.‡

He was an excellent Citizen, | remarkable for Industry & |
Probity, strongly attached | to the Liberties of his Country |
& brave in her cause.

A Wit's a feather, and a Chief a rod,
An honest Man's the noblest work of God.

This Stone was Erected | by Filial Gratitude.

Foot-stone: Cap^t Richard Updike.

Mrs. Jemima, | widow of | Cap^t Richard Updike, | died
March 4, 1827. | Aged 87 yrs.§

Foot-stone: J. U.

In Memory of | John Wall Updike, | 2^d Son of | Daniel E.
Updike Esq. | & Elizabeth his wife, | who departed this
life, | August 10. 1809, | aged 16 years | 10 months & 10
days | He was respectable for genius & virtue.||

The wintry blast of death kills not the buds of virtue, | no, they spread
beneath the heavenly beam of | brighter suns, through endless ages,
into | higher powers.

Foot-stone: J. W. U.

* *History*, II. 260.

† *History*, I. 413; II. 512.

‡ *History*, I. 413, 416; II. 370.

§ *History*, I. 413.

|| *History*, I. 417; III. 109.

In memory of | Daniel E. Updike. | Esq., | who departed
this life | Aug. 5, 1835. in the | 71, Year of his age.*

Foot-stone: D. E. U.

In memory of | Mrs. Elizabeth, | widow of | Daniel E.
Updike, | & daughter of | Henry and Mary Wall | who
departed this life | Feb. 19, 1847. in the | 83, Year of her
age.†

Foot-stone: E. U.

Grave at foot of these not marked

The following are in the northeast corner of the churchyard

In | memory of | Hannah Congdon | wife of | Henry J.
Congdon | who died | April 27, 1827 | in her 51 year.

Two graves north, uninscribed

In | memory of | John F. Congdon. | who died | Sept. 3d
1836. | in the 28th year | of his age.

Young man while in your greatest strength
Think not yourself secure;
But be prepared, whilst you are young,
To meet a dying hour

Foot-stone: J. F. C.

In memory of | Henry. Clay. | Son of John. F. | & Julia.
A. Congdon | he died | August 29th | 1836. aged 17 |
months & 26 | days

Foot-stone: H. C. C.

In memory of | George Jackson. | Congdon. son of | Henry
J. and Sarah | Congdon. who | departed this life | Sept 24,
1833, | aged one year | 2 months & 11 days.

Sleep sweet my babe thy | parents love shall seek Thee in the worlds above

Foot-stone: G. J. C.

* *History*, I. 416; III. 109, 110.

† *History*, I. 416, 427.

Two graves north, unmarked

E. M. | 1839

Foot-stone: E. M.

Two graves at foot, unmarked

The following are in the Young lot

In | Memory of | an infant Son of | Eliphalet | & Ruth. F.
Young. | was born | Jun. 15th. & | died the 17th. 1831.

Foot-stone: 1831

In | Memory of | Alfred | Son of | Eliphalet | & Ruth. | F.
Young. | died Sept. | 23^d. 1834. | aged 13 months | & 8 days.

Foot-stone: A. Y.

In | Memory of | Benj. C. Son of | Eliphalet | & | Ruth F. |
You[n]g | died August | 22^d 1836 aged | 8 mon. & 16 days.

Foot-stone: B. C. Y.

Mariah C. | daughter of | Eliphalet & | Ruth F. Young. |
Born April 1839 | Died Jan. 1840.

She suffered but a little while
In this world of Sin
The Saviour saw her with a smile,
And kindly called her in.
Blessed babe with placid face
Heaven is thy dwelling place

Foot-stone: M. C. Y.

Alfred Hammond Young, | Son of | Eliphalet & Ruth F. |
Young, | Born July 15, 1834, | Died Jan. 31, 1900.

Ruth F. Young.

On Marble Monument

[*South side*] Ruth F. | widow of | Eliphalet Young | Daugh-
ter of | Wm & Alice Hammond. | Died Nov 25, 1870. |
Aged 71 years 5 mo's.

[*West side*] In memory of | Eliphalet Young, | Born | Oct. 27, 1798, | At Willimantic, Conn. | Died | April 15, 1859, | at Wickford, R. I. | Aged 60 yr's. 5 mo's.

[*East side plain*]

[*North side*] Alfred H. Young, | Born July 15, 1834, | Died Jan. 31, 1900.

The following are in the Wightman lot

In | Memory | of | Miss Sarah N. Bennett, | Daughter of | Capt. Cornelius Bennett, | & Silvina his Wife, | who died | April 11, 1814, in the 15 year | of her age.

She was an affectionate daughter, tender | sister, & endearing friend. Beloved by all | who had the pleasure of her acquaintance; | But neither youth nor virtue can ward off | the shafts of Death.

Three graves, not marked

The following four graves (of the Lewis family) have been removed elsewhere

Mary E daughter of John and Rebecca Lewis born July 2 1816 died Sept 13 1851

George son of above born Oct 19 1812 d Aug 11 1859

John Lewis born Calais France April 5 1783 died at Wickford Dec 3 1848

Rebecca Lewis wife of John daughter of John and Mary Peirce born July 13 1789 died Mar 10 1858

Charlie | In Heaven | Son of | Edwin and Susan W. | Montgomery, | Died Feb. 14, 1859, | Aged 6 years, 3 mo | & 20 days.

Susan W. Montgomery, | Born | Apr. 11, 1830, | Died Aug. 19, 1906.

Edwin Montgomery. | Born Oct. 1818, | Died Aug. 4, 1886.

H. W. Baker, | Born Apr. 1, 1843, | Died May 20, 1904.

W. H. Baker, | Born Sept. 18, 1835, | Died Dec 24, 1882.

T.S. Wightman, | Born Oct. 2, 1798, | Died Aug. 28. 1881.

M. W. Wightman, | Born Oct. 26, 1805, | Died Mar. 6, 1886.

In | Memory | of | George Fowler, | who was Born May 16, | 1769, | and died Feb. 20, | 1852.

Foot-stone: G. F.

In memory of | Miss | Hannah Fowler | daughter of George | & Deborah Fowler | who died April 10th | 1839. in the 72d Year | of her age.*

She was esteemed by her friends for her simplicity of character her strong integrity | which she sustained through | a long and irreproachable life.

One grave north, uninscribed; also one east, and two north of this

Anna H | Wife of | James R. Wightman, | & Daughter of | Capt Abel & Eliza A. | Baker. | Died March 18. 1873. | Aged 30 years & 3 ms.

"Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee"

Foot-stone: A. H. W.

Gone Before | Alfred R. | Son of | Thomas S. & Mary | Wightman. | Died Sept 1. 1865. | Aged 29 y'rs 2 ms.

We shall meet beyond the river.

Three graves north, uninscribed

Miss | Hannah Weeden, | daughter of | Peleg & Mary

* *History*, II. 546.

Weeden. | Died Jan. 6, 1854, | in the 37th year | of her age.

“God my Redeemer lives,
And ever from the skies
Looks down and watches oer my dust,
Till he shall bid it rise.”

“She hath done what she could.”

Foot-stone: H. W.

In memory of | Benjamin O. F. Weeden, | Son of Peleg and |
Mary Weeden. who | died September 23d | 1837 in the
25th | Year of his age.

Behold and see as you pass by:
As you are now so once was I.
As I am now so you must be:
Prepare for death and follow me.

Grave north, uninscribed

In | Memory | of | Benjamin Fowler | Weeden, | Son
of | Peleg & Mary | Weeden, | who died | Feb. 22. 1812. |
aged 3 months & | 11 days.

Small grave north, uninscribed

In memory of | Peleg Weeden | Esq. who departed | this
life on the 20th of | October 1839. in the 68th | Year of
his age.

While his bereaved Widow with her children and other | con-
nexions mourn the loss of a kind & indulgent | Husband
Father & Friend: & while a large circle | of friends & ac-
quaintance weep over his grave may | they all heed the ad-
monition which seems to be echoed from | his coffin; Be ye
therefore ready also for the Son of | man cometh at an hour
when ye think not.

Foot-stone: P. W. 1839.

In Memory | of | Mary Weeden, | Widow of | Peleg Wee-

den, | and daughter of | Benjamin & Freelove | Fowler. |
She died July 7, 1858, | in her 82d year

"Blessed are the dead which die | in the Lord from henceforth, Yea, saith
the | Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; | and their works do fol-
low them."

In Memory of | Benjamin, | Son of | Mr. Benjamin Fow-
ler, | Merch^t | who died Decem^r 7th, | 1803, in 30th year
of | his age.

"The desire of Man faileth"

Sacred | to the | Memory of | Christopher Fowler, | who
was lost at Sea, | Sept^r 1758, aged 23: | and also of | Chris-
topher Fowler, | who perished, in like manner, | Sept^r 1804,
aged 24 years; | this Monument was erected by | Benjamin
Fowler, Esq^r | of Wickford, | brother of the former, | and
father of the latter, | as a tribute of his Affection.

Foot-stone: Mr. | Christopher | Fowler, | 1804.

Three graves north, uninscribed

In | memory of | Sibel Larkin | late consort of | Phineas
Larkin & daughter | Benjamin & Susanna Weeden | who
died April 2d 1836. | in 57th Year of her age. | & also
Benjamin Weeden | her Father died Feb. 18th | 1808. in
the 76 Year of his | age. Buried in Richmontown.

Foot-stone: S. L.

In memory of | Susannah Weeden, | Relict of | Benjamin
Weeden, | who died Dec. 11th, | 1819, | In the 82d year |
of her age.

Foot-stone: Susannah | Weeden, | 1819,

In | Memory | of | Hulder, | Wife of | Benjamin Fow-
ler | Esq^r | who died | Dec. 16th. 1811, | in the 65th year |
of her age.

In Memory of | Freelove, | Wife of Mr. | Benjamin Fowler,
| who died May 12th 1789, | in the 52^d. Year of her |
Age.

Foot-stone: Freelove | Fowler, | 1789.

Sacred to | The memory of Benj. | Fowler, Esq. | Who died
August 5th | A.D. 1818, | In the 80th, year | of his age.

Long have I tried terrestrial joys

But here could find no rest.

Far from all vanity and noise,

To be with CHRIST is best.

Foot-stone: Benjamin | Fowler, Esq. | 1818.

In | Memory of | Mary | Widow of Capt. | Silvester
Peirce, | & Daughter of | George & Mary Fowler, | who
died | Dec^r. 2^d. 1808, in the | 80th. year of her age.

In Memory of | Mary, the Wife of | Mr. | George Fowler |
She departed this | Life, June 22nd. 1774, | in the 84th. Year
of | her Age.

Foot-stone: Mary | Fowler | 1774

In Memory of | Mr | George Fowler | who departed this |
Life, April the 14. 1782 | in the 90th. Year of | his Age.*
Field stone at foot.

*This copy includes the names on the stones that were here in 1881, but
which have been since removed.*

* *History*, II. 475.

*Te ergo quæsumus famulis tuis subveni
Quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.
Æterna fac cum sanctis tuis
In gloria numerari.*

